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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I support broadband competition.

Here in San Francisco, we recently switched from slow DSL connection to a high-speed connection. Our options were limited essentially to AT&T and Comcast, which are essentially monopolies (in their respective modes of transmittal). I am pleased that a well-loved independent local provider, Sonic.net, has expanded into San Francisco and is not stopping here! They're working their way out into the surrounding Bay Area. (I see their crews every other day in our neighborhood, running fiber and cables and hooking up happy customers). Their rates are exceptionally competitive, their service is renowned; they ANSWER the phone in PERSON, and are able to expand because the laws and regulations allow competition.

Unfortunately the week we had to switch providers, Sonic had only installed fiber on the north-south blocks; now that they have the entire neighborhood wired up, but we are hitched to Comcast for now (good intro price but regular rate nearly doubled). It sure is great to know there's a third (and better, affordable) alternative when it comes time to switch again.

This sort of competition (and good regulations!) keeps the big guys honest. Even in the urban Bay Area the established providers need competition; more so in smaller towns and rural areas (whether as private providers or municipalities and co-ops).

So don't mess with the laws and curtail competition; don't mess with innovation, don't just line the pockets of big corporations.

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